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Ms. Lynn Yeakel
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Dear Ms. Yeakel,

Enclosed you will find an article which I have submitted to the Philadelphia Inquirer for publication (along with a copy of my cover letter which says more about who I am). I share your views on Mr. Specter's role in the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas debacle, but my feeling of disgust was perhaps deeper than most people because I also knew of Mr. Specter from his work on the Warren Commission. My impression is that he has managed to blunt criticism of his role by continuing to distort his record in largely uncritical articles which followed in the wake of Oliver Stone's film, JFK. I am concerned that his real record be exposed. I have no conspiracy scenario to sell, just a concern for the integrity of some of our most basic institutions and the people who run them.

Being realistic (even downright cynical at times), I am not terribly optimistic that the Philadelphia Inquirer will publish my article. But I am hopeful. If, indeed, it is published, I hope it will have some impact on the voters. If it is not published, you are perfectly welcome to use it in any way you see fit. Given the obfuscation surrounding this topic, I will understand if you choose not to use it at all. Even with the documentation I provided, you may judge it to be too risky to criticize Mr. Specter for something that took place so many years ago and about which there is so much confusion. Nonetheless, if the Bush/Quayle campaign continues to attack Clinton on the "character" issue related to his draft record so many years ago, it seems reasonable to raise this character issue about someone like Arlen Specter who did a much greater disservice to this country.

Regardless, you have my best wishes and moral support in your campaign.

Sincerely,

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